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**WEST GERMANY/US/BRAZIL:**

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## Brazil: Support for Nuclear Agreement

Leading Brazilian newspapers and a prominent member of the opposition party have reiterated their support for the government's position on the nuclear issue following US Deputy Secretary of State Christopher's visit. This reaction provides additional political benefits for President Geisel and probably reinforces his belief that the refusal to suspend or alter any

part of Brazil's nuclear agreement with West Germany is the correct policy.

By holding a press conference and subsequently releasing a backgrounder on the talks to a leading Brazilian newspaper, Foreign Minister Silveira, who conducted the talks, has exploited the visit to project an image of strength and confidence on Brasilia's part. In his remarks to the press, Silveira denied that any negotiations had taken place, saying instead that he had "only conversations." The foreign minister also commented that from his perspective, "everything is going well—excellent."

In the backgrounder, Silveira characterized the Deputy Secretary's

negotiating techniques as harsh, comparing them to those used by Soviet former foreign minister Molotov. He said that he eventually ended the discussions—in his words "breaking the vicious circle"—by telling the US delegation that "Brazil does not discuss changes or revisions in the agreement."

These public disclosures also should satisfy recent press interest in more official information on the issue. Last week, the leading newspaper in Sao Paulo criticized Silveira for keeping information concerning the negotiations to a few top aides. This, the newspaper asserted, was "creating disgust and jealousy" within the Foreign Ministry.

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